

IN THE DRAWINGS

Replacement drawings for FIGS. 1-2 have been included labeled as "Prior Art" as suggested by the Examiner.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New Claims 25-42 have been added to capture allowable material in Claims 9 and 21 and claims from which they depend.

Claims 3-12, 15-42 are pending.

Claims 1-7, 12-19 and 24 were rejected.

Claims 8-11, 20-23 are objected to but would be allowed if written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of Claims 1 and 2 from which it depends and Claim 20 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of Claims 13 and 14 from which it depends. Claims 3-5, 12, 15-17 and 24 have been amended to correct dependencies relative to amended Claims 8 and 20.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-7, 12-19, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,353,369 to *Boerstler* (hereafter "*Boerstler*") in view U.S. Patent Application 6,133,799 to *Favors, Jr. et al.* (hereafter "*Favors*"). Claims 1, 2, 13, and 14 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The remaining claims have been rewritten to capture allowable material. Consequently, rejections of Claims 1-7, 12-19, and 24 are moot.

II. CONCLUSION

The Applicant has traversed the rejections of Claims 1-7, 12-19, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Boerstler* in view of *Favors* by amendments to capture allowable material. New Claims 25-42 have been added to capture allowable material.

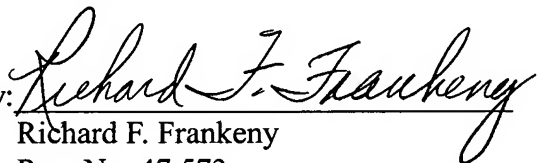
The Applicants, therefore, respectfully assert that Claims 2-12, and 15-42 are in condition for allowance and request an early allowance of these claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Respectfully submitted,

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